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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of October, 1982)

During October, the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters declined by nineteen. According to the latest monthly report from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the October total was 516, down eleven land crews and eight marine vessels since September.

The October total (516) represents a decrease of 4% since last month, a 30% decrease from October, 1981, a 9% decrease from October, 1980, an 18% increase over October, 1979, a 39% increase over October, 1978, a 57% increase over October, 1977, and a gain of 93% over the same month in 1976.

During October, thirteen contractors were operating thirty-two of the 423 land crews and four of the forty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 516	Last Month 535	Oct.'81 741	Oct.'80 571	Oct.'79 436	Oct.'78 371	Oct.'77 330	Oct.'76 267

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1977	Oct. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1977	Oct. 1976
83 Contr's:	423	434	646	490	368	305	268	212	42	50	44	33	24	23	23	17
10 Oil Co's:	42	42	43	40	39	37	34	34	8	8	7	7	4	4	4	4
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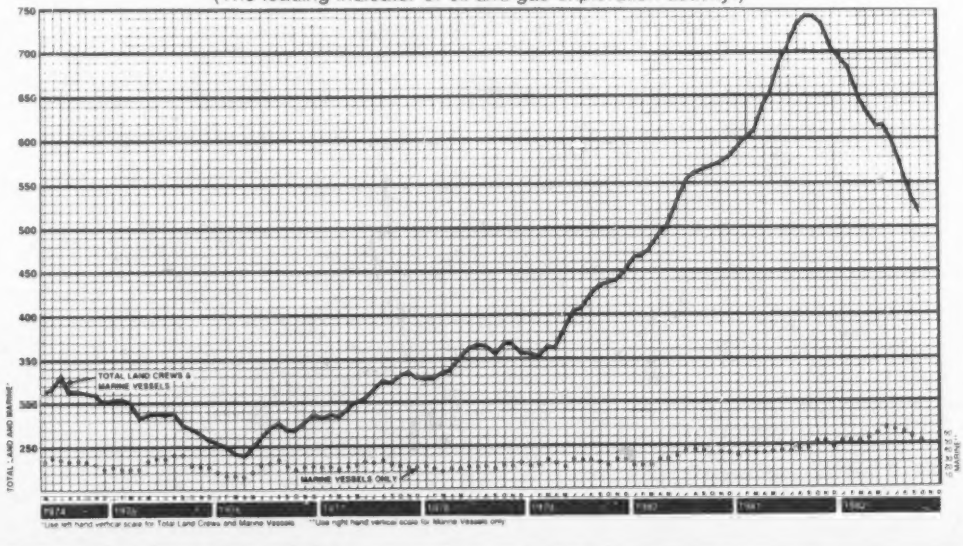
Totals:	465	476	689	530	407	342	302	246	51	59	52	41	29	29	28	21

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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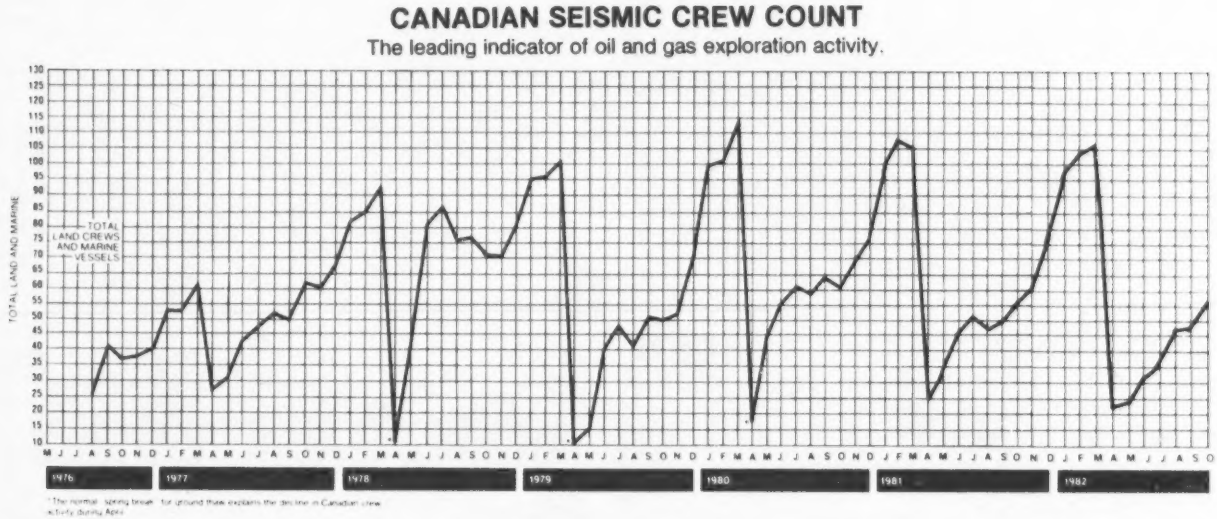
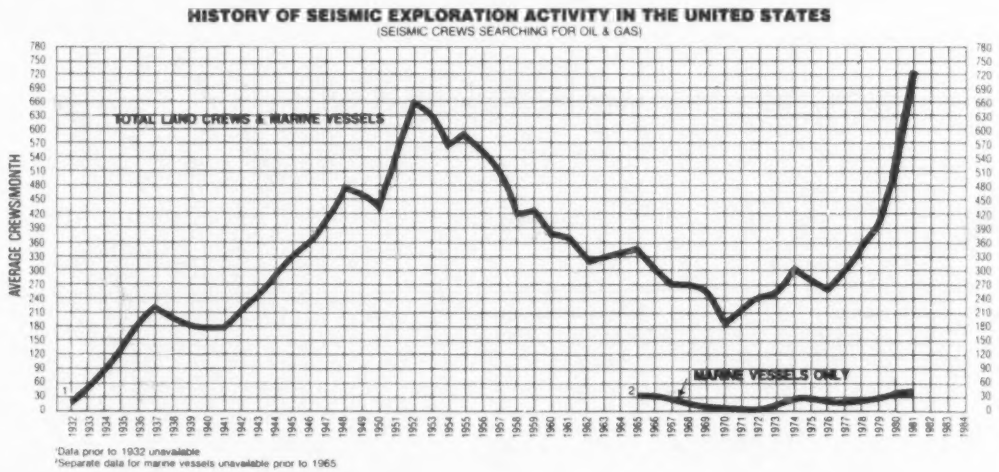
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

October, 1982 (September figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
23 Contractors:	47 (35)	6 (7)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	51 (39)	6 (7)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.


HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES
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AVERAGE CREWS/MONTH
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of November, 1982)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November declined by fourteen from the October total. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the November total was 502, compared with 516 the preceding month.

The November total (502) represents a 3% decline since last month, a 31% decline over November, 1981, a 12% decline over November, 1980, a 14% increase over November, 1979, a 36% increase over November, 1978, a 50% increase over November, 1977, and a gain of 83% over the same month in 1976.

During November, eleven contractors were operating thirty of the 410 land crews and three of the forty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Nov.'81	Nov.'80	Nov.'79	Nov.'78	Nov.'77	Nov.'76
	502	516	733	572	439	369	335	275

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Totals:	452	465	681	531	408	342	309	250	50	51	52	41	31	27	26	25

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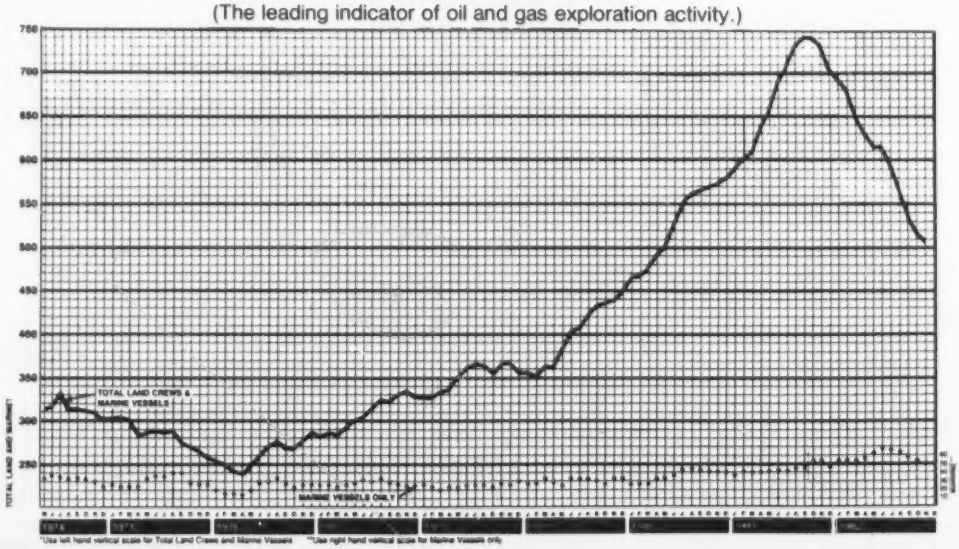

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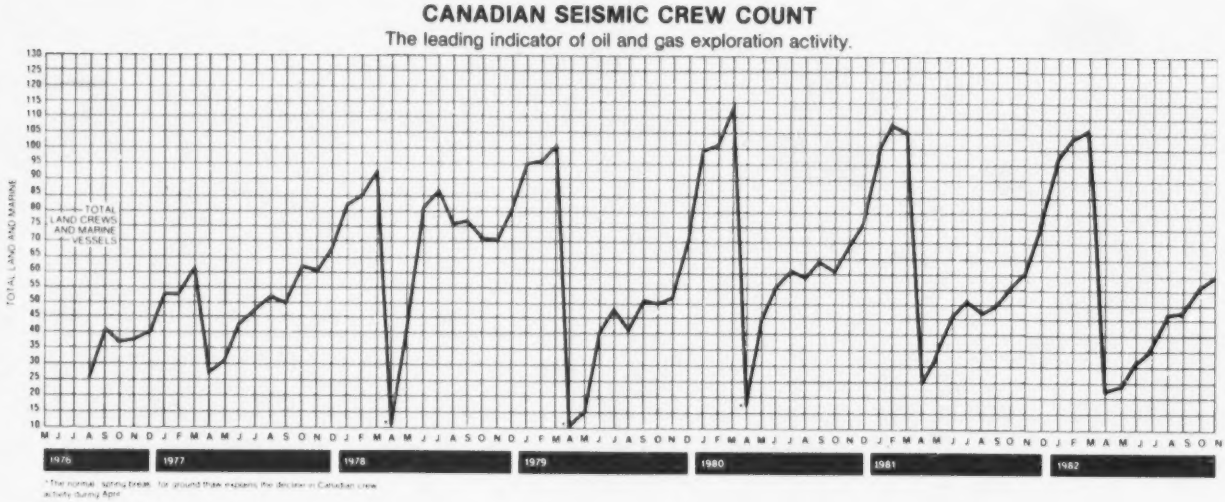

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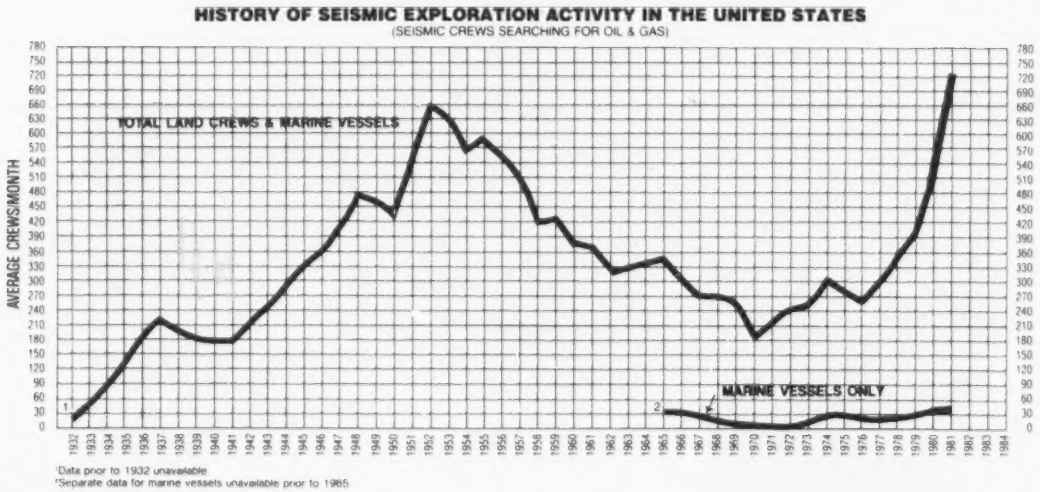
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